

### REMARKS

Claims 1-32, 34-74, 78-106, 110-112, 116-124, 148, 209, 211, 212, 214-218, 220, 221 and 224-232 are currently pending.

Claims 1-12, 16-24, 27, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37-58, 60-68, 70, 71, 78-82, 84-92, 94-95, 104-106, 110-112, 119-124, 148, 209, 211, 214-218, 224-225, 228-232 are rejected under § 102(b).

Claim 119 is objected to for formal reasons.

Claims 13-15, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 59, 69, 72-74, 83, 85, 93, 96-103, 116-118, 212, 220, 221, 226, and 227 are objected to but deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Cancellation of claim 119 renders the Examiner's objection to that claim moot.

Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that claims 220, 221 and 227 are independent claims. Because claims 220, 221 and 227 are deemed to contain allowable subject matter, they are in condition for allowance without further amendment.

Claims 13-15, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 59, 69, 72-74, 83, 85, 93, 96-103, 116-118 and 212 all depend from claim 228 either directly or indirectly. Applicants hereby enter amendments which introduce the limits of base claim 228 and all intervening base claims (where applicable) into each of these claims.

Specifically, claims 13, 14, 69, 73, 74, 83, 85, 93, 96-103, 116 and 212 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 228 from which they depend directly.

Claims 25 and 26 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 228 and intervening claims 19 and 23.

Claims 28 and 29 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 228 and intervening claims 19 and 27.

Claim 32 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 228 and intervening claims 30 and 31.

Claim 59 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 228 and intervening claim 58.

Claim 72 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 228 and intervening claim 70.

Claim 226 depends from claim 225 and has been amended to include the limitations of claim 225.

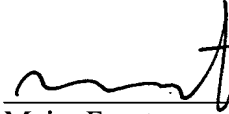
In view of the above amendments, applicants submit that claims 13-15, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 59, 69, 72-74, 83, 85, 93, 96-103, 116-118, 212, 220, 221, 226, and 227 are in condition for allowance.

All other claims are cancelled.

As a result of these amendments and cancellations, all § 102(b) rejections are moot.

Prompt notice of allowance of allowance of claims 13-15, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 59, 69, 72-74, 83, 85, 93, 96-103, 116-118, 212, 220, 221, 226, and 227 is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosed:  
Petition for Extension (3 Months); and  
Additional Claim Transmittal.